CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
APRIL 7, 2020 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Moats led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the regular meeting of the City Council for April 7, 2020, was conducted telephonically and broadcast live on the City's website, and on Comcast Cable Channel 23. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, the Council Chambers and City Hall were not open to the public. Police Chief Hanson, Human Resources Director Morelos, Community Development Director Ng, Recreation & Parks Director Posada, Glenn Morris of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, Superintendent Luke Ontiveros of Santa Maria-Bonita School District, and CEO Sylvia Barnard of Good Samaritan Shelter participated telephonically.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 13-17, 2020, as National Community Development Week in the City of Santa Maria, and showcasing the programs and projects funded by federal grant programs like Community Development Block Grants and HOME Investment Partnership.

B. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2020, as Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Month in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents and businesses to participate in a month full of recognition and activities promoted by the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center to increase awareness of sexual assault and to create solutions in an effort to eliminate sexual violence from this City.

C. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2020, as Fair Housing Month in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging the continuance of equal housing opportunities for all residents of Santa Maria.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD VIA WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
Laurie Tamura requested the City Council put an emergency stay on permit timelines.

Cliff Solomon, Gale McNeeley, Earl Frounfelter, and Leslie McGorman urged the City Council to protect renters and businesses from eviction during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sara Macdonald announced she was observing the meeting as a member of the League of Women Voters Observer Corps.

Marian Hospital and Dignity Health submitted a letter to the community updating everyone on their progress with COVID-19.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Soto requested that Item 3C (Ratifying Emergency Declaration and Designation of Signing Agent) be pulled for discussion and a separate vote.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3F (except Item 3C) were approved as presented including the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-23. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

Item 3C
Councilmember Soto asked for clarification on the purpose of the Declaration of Emergency and asked that a regulation be included in the item regarding a moratorium on rental evictions for both individuals and businesses.

City Attorney Watson explained that the Declaration allows the City to better access State/Federal funding, and to promulgate rules and regulations on an expedited basis. He indicated the City Council could encourage residents to shelter in place, which the County Public Health Officer has the authority to issue. The County and City Managers have been working together to ascertain essential and non-essential businesses and workers. He also stated he had already drafted a eviction regulations for the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to consider. Council provided a unanimous consensus to have the Director of Emergency Services issue the eviction regulations.

Item 3C was approved as presented, giving City Manager Stilwell, as Director of Emergency Services, authority to develop a policy regarding a moratorium on evictions without further action from the City Council, and included the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2020-21 and 2020-22. The recorded vote appears with the item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings were waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 17, 2020.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution proclaiming a local emergency regarding novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and ratifying the Proclamations of Local Emergency by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services; and a Resolution Designating Applicant's Agent for the purposes of obtaining federal and/or state financial assistance.

Action: Declaration of emergency proclaimed and City Manager designated as agent for purposes of obtaining financial assistance.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2020-21 and 2020-22. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution approving the use of Fiscal Year 2020-21 HOME Investment Partnerships funding to be allocated to assist the City of Santa Maria's Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program and an affordable housing project in Santa Barbara County.

Action: HOME funding allocated to TBRA program.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-23. 5-0.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATION

A. The City Council received updates from City Manager Stilwell, Fire Chief Champion, Chamber of Commerce CEO Glenn Morris, Dignity Health CEO Sue Andersen and Dr. Scott Robertson, Good Samaritan Shelter Executive Director Sylvia Barnard, Santa Maria-Bonita School District Superintendent Luke Ontiveros, and Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Superintendent Antonio Garcia regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and how it has been impacting their organizations.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS.** The City Council considered the Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendations for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant Program funds; allocating $37,500 to public service programs; and reprogramming $23,098 from previous fiscal years. Community Programs Manager Ms. Rojo gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Written correspondence was received from North County Rape Crisis Center, CALM, Legal Aid Foundation, Mixteco/Indigena, Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family Center, Independent Living Resource Center, and CAC, all encouraging and thanking the City Council for their consideration.

Action: The City Council determined their individual allocations as follows:

Mayor Patino
$7,500 Good Samaritan Shelter

Councilmember Cordero
$3,750 Good Samaritan Shelter
$3,750 Mixteco / Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)

Councilmember Moats
$7,500 Mixteco / Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)

Councilmember Soto
$7,500 Mixteco / Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)

Councilmember Waterfield
$7,500 Good Samaritan Shelter

Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. 5-0.

Action: Direction was given to staff to proceed with the Capital and Public Service allocations as recommended by the Block Grants Advisory Committee, and allocate an additional $23,098 to the City's Chapel Plaza Rehabilitation Project.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats. Motion carried. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be April 21, 2020. Items on the agenda would include a COVID-19 update, the Day of Prayer Proclamation, Library Week Proclamation, and Donate Life Month Proclamation.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmembers Moats and Soto had no AB 1234 reports.

Councilmember Cordero reported he spoke on the Ben Heighes radio show.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she represented the City on the Rick Blaemire radio show.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the monthly SBCAG and APCD Board meetings; several teleconferences regarding SB County Legislative briefings; a White House briefing; a Santa Maria Key Leaders update; a meeting with Congressman Carbajal; and a briefing with Assemblyman Cunningham.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Approved at a regular meeting on April 21, 2020.

M. Beth Cleary for
Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

M. Beth Cleary for
Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice Patino
Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria